



I-5 - South King County Projects Update

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Construction Update

Crews are hard at work placing pre-cast concrete deck panels atop the S. 317th bridge girders we set earlier this month. We also began construction on a wall south of the median bridge support that will help support one of the direct access ramps. The wall north of the bridge support is much further along in construction.

We're also working hard along the southbound exit ramp to S. 320th Street. Crews are excavating to shift the ramp toward the right, and we're still building the wall on the left side of the ramp. We're also continuing to install electrical systems here, and crews finished setting the permanent drainage structures along the ramp.

Elsewhere on the project, crews set barrier along the northbound on-ramp from westbound S. 320th Street. The Military Road bridge widening also continues. In mid-March, crews will begin work to extend the HOV lanes from S. 320th to the Pierce County Line.

Visit our Web site to see the latest construction photos.

Travel Times on Freeway Signs

You may have visited WSDOT's Seattle area <u>travel times Web site</u> that allows you to check current travel times between various Seattle area cities. But do you have time to check that Web site before you leave for work in the morning? Or as you're hurrying to leave the office at the end of your work day?

We started a pilot project last Wednesday (Feb. 16) to use electronic message signs on area freeways during rush hours to let drivers know current travel times from their location on the freeway to major cities. The test will run for several weeks on I-5, I-90 and I-405.

We are using two locations on I-5 in this project. The first is on northbound I-5 at Southcenter. The second is the Swamp Creek Interchange (where I-5 meets I-405). Signs at these locations will show current travel times between these locations and downtown Seattle and downtown Bellevue.

You can <u>learn more about this project</u> on our Web site. And we'd love to hear your feedback!

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at <u>Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov</u>.

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